

CONVENTION AND BROTHERHOOD
WORK.

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Mr. Robt. W. Davis, our new Superintendent of Covenant and Brotherhood Work, is really for his work among the churches. For some time he has been one of the most active and beloved workers in the Second Presbyterian church, Louisville, Ky., where he is a deacon. He has been in the closest touch with the Brotherhood movement, and is familiar with its organization and methods of work. He has had successful experience with boys in Covenant Companies, and wins his way directly to their hearts. For several weeks he has been studying the conditions that confront him and mastering the details of general organization. He is provided with an exhibit of material that will be of the greatest value to those who are interested in these lines of work. He comes to his work by the authority of our General Assembly. He will be glad to correspond with pastors, sessions, or private workers in regard to the plans for his work, and will be grateful for opportunities to work where a visit from him may be desired. He may be addressed at P. O. Box 883, Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. C. H. Smith, of Carbon, Texas, is a new volunteer for the ministry of our church, and while it costs the Carbon church some life-blood, yet she rejoices to make such a fine contribution to the ministry. Mr. Smith is a successful young business man, of our first families, of strong personality and influence, a graduate of the University of Texas, and a man of grace and grit. He has already closed his business, and enrolled at the Austin Theological Seminary. The call of El Paso Presbytery to receive him failed to have a quorum. He will probably apply to Central Texas Presbytery.

"The difference between a glass of water and a tailor's bill," says the St. Louis philosopher, "is simply that the water will settle itself if it's allowed to stand."

GYPSY SMITH IN NEW YORK.

The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, the Fifth Avenue Baptist, the Madison Avenue Reformed, the Madison Avenue Methodist, the Church of the Strangers (Independent) and the Central Presbyterian churches united for a series of union evangelistic services, to be conducted by Gypsy Smith, the noted English evangelist, at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church every evening for the two weeks beginning on Sunday evening, November 29, afternoon services being also held during the first week at the Central Presbyterian Church.

The results exceeded all expectation and on Sunday night, December 6, several of the churches closed and united at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian (which seats 2,100) in a service which none present will ever forget.

At 7:45 every seat was filled and the doors closed. A service of song was held until 8, when Mr. Smith took charge. He preached from the fifth chapter of Mark upon the three miracles. From the first one he discoursed upon "Christ as the Savior of Men." From the second, "Christ as Savior of Women." From the third, "Christ as the Savior of Children." His whole appeal was tender, thrilling and melting, even when he made an intelligent demonstration of the common sense of accepting Christ; closing with a story of his gypsy aunt, who had mothered him and whom he had been the means of converting. While holding a large meeting he received a telegram that she was dying. Hastening there by night train he found her still alive and kneeling at her bedside asked if he should pray for her.

"No, my boy," she said, "Don't pray for me, only thank God for what he has been to me." Then she told him to go back to his meeting and give them her message, "That an old dying gypsy woman had found her Savior to be a 'Great Rock' in a weary land and her 'Refuge in the time of storm.'"

Then while all heads were bowed in prayer he asked all who had felt the need of Christ and wanted to accept him as their Savior to rise. Perhaps thirty did so; then after praying for them, he requested every head to keep bowed while they came forward and passed into the lecture room for prayer and conversation with the ministers and members of the various churches who were awaiting them; then, while the congregation with heads bowed sang very softly, "Just As I Am" he said there must be others who did not rise, but who must feel inclined to follow them. Then the wave came—not the little breaker which splashes noisily upon the shore, but the smooth, unbroken, resistless roller of the deep water, carrying so many along that apparently every unconverted man and woman present was swept into the inquiry room.

This object lesson to the pastors and members of the participating churches will not be lost. While this evangelical union might be and has been called a "confession of weakness" yet they may be thankful that their very individual weakness has proved that "in union there is strength"—a strength which will be carried back into their own churches when these meetings close and make them exclaim: "Whereas we were weak

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PERSONALS.

Rev. W. B. Harrison's address is changed from Lebanon, Ky., to 914 First street, Louisville. Mr. Harrison is on his vacation from Korea.

Rev. Mark B. Grier, of the Chinese Mission, has arrived in China, after a fine voyage. His address hereafter will be care of the Methodist Publishing House, Shanghai, instead of Hsuehoufu, China.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Lupton's many friends in Virginia and Tennessee, and of those splendid women, the wives of Rev. Dr. Cannon, of St. Louis, Rev. Dr. Caldwell, of Waco, and Rev. W. L. Caldwell, of Memphis, rejoice with them in the escape from death of Vice-consul Stuart Lupton, in Messina, Sicily, last week, the son of Dr. Lupton and the brother of the ladies named. Mr. Lupton had just arrived at his post and was one of the very few who passed safely through the great disaster.

Rev. Carlisle P. B. Martin, of the Presbytery of Brazos, died on Tuesday night, December 22, 1908, at the home of his son, in Memphis, Tenn. He was in the ninety-fifth year of his age. He was born in Hampton, N. Y., in 1814, was licensed in 1842, and ordained soon thereafter by the Presbytery of Hopewell. He was pastor in Troy, Mo., Huntsville, Texas, and associated with educational work as President of the Synodical College, at Griffin, Ga., President of the Agricultural College, Montpelier, Ga., and Professor in Huntsville and Nacogdoches, Texas.